

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 08649

DEFENSE FOR OASD/ISA AND DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS UK  
SUBJECT: SALE OF SIDEWINDER TO UK

1. QUINLAN, DUS/PP, MENTIONED TO POL-MIL ATTACHE IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE THAT WHILE HMG APPRECIATES THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON EXECUTIVE BY FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION LEGISLATION, MOD NEVERTHELESS IS "A LITTLE UNEASY" ABOUT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE TO THE US CONGRESS OF FIGURES WHICH UNDER UK'S OWN DOMESTIC PRACTICE MOD WOULD NORMALLY WITHHOLD FROM PARLIAMENT. QUINLAN SAID THIS MATTER IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN UP BY UK EMBASSY.

2. TURNING TO THE PROCUREMENT ITSELF, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE POSITION "HAS CHANGED IN DETAIL" SINCE LAST MARCH WHEN LOA WAS REQUESTED BY BRITISH. QUINLAN SAID ALSO THAT MOD NOW DOES NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT TO BUY AS MANY MISSILES FROM US PRODUCTION AS DISTINCT FROM THE PROSPECTIVE EUROPEAN PRODUCTION.

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